

REMARKS

In the "Amendments to the Claims" section of the Amendment filed July 2, 2007, the status identifier for claim 23 was inadvertently indicated as "Previously presented", although the claim was amended.

Accordingly, the status identifier for claim 23 is herein corrected.

In the present Amendment, non-elected claims 29 and 31 are herein cancelled without prejudice. Claim 23 is herein amended. Claims 30 and 32 are herein amended to eliminate the dependency from non-elected claim 29.

Claims 13-15, 35-39 and 41-47 are herein cancelled without prejudice to accelerate the prosecution of the case.

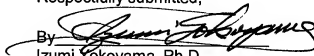
Claims 23-26, 30 and 32 are pending in the case.

Reconsideration of present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks presented in the Amendment filed July 2, 2007 is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should there be any deficiency in fees, please charge such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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